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Applicant: TABATA ET AL. Examiner: T. VANNOY
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Title: NITROGEN OXIDE-REDUCING CATALYST AND PROCESS FOR
REDUCING NITROGEN OXIDES IN EXHAUST GAS

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 17, 2000, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 11 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter involved.

Please amend claims 12, 15, 16 and 18 as follows:

In Claim 12, line 1, please delete ~~Claim 11~~ and insert --Claim 16--.

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